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**From:** "Chris Wood" ["Chris Wood" <CWood@tu.org>]  
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**Subject:** 700 businesses ask the President-EPA to protect Bristol Bay  
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Dear Friends:

When is the last time you heard of 700 businesses asking the President and the EPA to protect a place? It just happened in Bristol Bay, Alaska (see attached).

Bristol Bay, by the numbers:

- 714 businesses asked the President-EPA to use their authority to limit industrial scale mining.
- 50% of the world's sockeye salmon come from Bristol Bay; one of the largest runs of Chinook in the world; and great big rainbows.
- 14,000 jobs come from the Bristol Bay fishery, annually, with an economic impact of \$600 million. The proposed Pebble Mine would support between 1-2,000 jobs.
- 55 miles of salmon stream and 2500 acres of wetland habitat would be destroyed even without any leaks or spills by the proposed Pebble Mine.
- 65% of hunting and fishing voters in 13 battleground election states support restrictions on industrial scale mining in Bristol Bay.
- 80% of the people who attended recent hearings on the Bristol Bay support restricting industrial scale mining. In the towns and villages of Bristol Bay—the people most directly affected—the support was an astounding 93%
- 54% of Alaskans oppose the Pebble Mine.

The Administration and EPA have until the end of July to use their authority under the Clean Water Act to limit industrial scale mining in Bristol Bay. If they do not act before then, it is likely the area will not be protected in the Obama Administration's first term.

You can ask the President and EPA to protect the jobs, economy, and fishery of Bristol Bay by clicking here:  
(<http://www.capwiz.com/savebristolbay/issues/alert/?alertid=61299246&type=ML>).

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